



Safety Bay

Primary School
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Safety Bay Primary School Newsletter 16 - 20th October

Dear **Subscribers Name**

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[Term 4 Planner](#)



Principal's Word Safety Bay Families,

It has been a great start to the term with students carrying on from where they left off last term. I've heard many great stories of family adventures from the holiday break and I myself, enjoyed two weeks camping in Coral Bay with friends and family which has left me refreshed and ready to go for the term ahead.

Our *You Can Do It* focus for today was Confidence and it was great to see so many students sporting the yellow colours at this morning's assembly. Students from Peron 9 and 10 put on a fantastic assembly item all about reading, which was enjoyed by the students and many family members who attended. Developing confidence in children at school and at home is an important factor in them achieving success and progressing in their learning. Having confidence to step out of their comfort zone in the academic or social and emotional aspects of school life will allow students to maximise their learning opportunities and allow them to face challenges as they arise. *Success is Progress* and the ability for students to tackle new concepts and adapt is greatly impacted by their confidence.

Research from experts in the field of child development and Psychology share some common tips around helping your child to develop confidence:

Teach resilience and encourage them to have a go

Promote problem solving

Look for ways to help others

Set goals and make plans to achieve them

Help them to deal positively with disappointment

The performance at Koorliny Arts Centre last night was amazing. Mrs Patterson and Mrs Quealy had their dance and music acts performing a range of items, highlighting the many talents of our Year 5 and 6 students. On behalf of the students, I'd like to thank Mrs Patterson and Mrs Quealy along with the many staff and parent helpers who made the event a success. Students clearly enjoyed the opportunity to perform in a professional venue in front of packed out audience. After the success of the event, we are now looking forward to making it a regular addition to our calendar in the future. Thanks again to the P & C for subsidising the

ticket prices with their donation.

Late last term, I met with a member of the *Road Wise Committee* from the City of Rockingham, who had raised some concerns about the use of our traffic warden on Rae Rd. On observation, most families used the crossing appropriately however we did have some students and parents crossing the road without using the traffic warden provided. While 99% of the time this would not be an issue, the risk of being hit by oncoming traffic is one not worth taking, so please use the warden provided to keep our students safe.

To help us maximise resources and make the best start to the 2018 school year, I request that if you are *not intending* to send your children to Safety Bay Primary School in 2018 that you inform your child's classroom teacher or front office staff so we can make adjustments to our enrolments. Later in the term we will be holding a whole school transition day in which students will be meeting their teacher for 2018.

Regards,

Phil Springett
Principal



Merit Certificate Recipients

Assembly - Friday 20th October

Congratulations go to the following students, the latest recipients of our prestigious Merit Certificates. Well done!!

W1 - Angus

W2 - Ollie

W4 - Rama

W5 - Pearl and Chloe

W8 - Mason

S3 - Nate and Amelia

S4 - Ralf and Isabella

S5 - James

S6 - Emily and Ashlyn

S7 - Petra

P7 - Gemma

P8 - Oren

P9 - Riley

P10 - Indah

C13 - Imogen

C14 - Caylee

C15 - Dylan

C16 - Eden

C17 - Bailee

C18 - Sophie

C19 - Jane

C20 - Alyssa

C21 - Enola

Phys Ed - Ethan C21



Sound Garden - Free Community Arts Workshops at
Safety Bay Primary School



You are invited to attend a series of Visual Arts workshops with highly acclaimed Nyoongar artist, Peter Farmer.

Peter will be guiding us through a design process to create a site installation artwork for the Sound Garden at Safety Bay.

With the help of the community Peter will be creating mosaic pieces and pathways for the Sound Garden which is currently under construction off-site.

Please feel welcome to bring the family and be a part of this exciting project!

DATE: Commencing Thursday 26th October, and continuing each Thursday for 4 weeks.

TIME: 3:15 - 4:30pm

VENUE: Art Room

If you are interested in coming along please reply via email to Sally.Quealy@education.wa.edu.au or call to the school office on 9528 3680 to confirm your place in the workshops.



KidsMatter

Dads make a difference

Being a father

A father is a male parent or carer of a child. A father may not be biologically related to his child or live with his child all the time.

He may be a grandfather, step-father, foster father or adoptive father of a child. In this resource, the terms 'dad' and 'father' include these relationships. Some children might have more than one father or relationships with other males who undertake a significant portion of parenting and care giving. There is no one right way to be a father. Each father brings unique ideas and experience to being a parent or carer and has a lot to contribute to the mental health and wellbeing of his child and family.

There are different ways families are constructed. For example, some families have many people, some have few people, some have people of different genders, ages, and cultural backgrounds. Some children have contact with a father, while others do not. It is not necessary for a child to have a father figure in their life for them to be able to feel loved, secure and happy in their family. Supporting a child and having their best interests in mind is what is important, as this has a positive impact on their mental health and wellbeing.

A father and his child building their relationship together is a special and deeply rewarding experience.

Why are fathers important?

Children benefit from secure, loving relationships with their parents and carers. Not long after birth, babies start to notice that their mum and dad feel, sound, smell and look different from each other and from other people. In particular, a baby might notice that their father has a deeper voice and bigger hands, and may spend lots of time looking at their dad, fascinated, noticing everything that is unique to him. When dads bond, engage and spend time with their baby, they are introducing their child to something new and interesting - their dad!

Did you know?

- Young children who receive lots of affection from their dad will have a more secure relationship with him.
- Children whose fathers are involved in their life are more likely to be emotionally secure, confident to explore their surroundings, and have a better social connection with their peers.
- Men who are involved in their child's life feel more confident and effective as a parent or carer, find parenthood more enjoyable, feel more important to their child, and feel encouraged to be involved.
- When fathers are involved in their child's everyday activities (eg eating meals together, reading and helping with homework), children tend to have fewer behaviour difficulties and better social skills.
- How a father feels about being a dad and how he cares for his child has a large influence on a child's social and emotional development.

Children whose fathers feel good about being a dad and are sensitive and responsive to their needs tend to have better social and emotional skills. Dads being involved It is important that **fathers connect with their children.**

Fathers and families can get involved with their children and the school or early childhood service by:

- becoming familiar with their school or early childhood service and getting to know the staff
- sharing children's developmental milestones with staff
- giving feedback to the staff about experiences their child has enjoyed (eg a weekend trip to the zoo or a family picnic)
- listening and talking to their children regularly to help their child learn, even if their child cannot understand words yet
- explaining to their child how things in the world work and having a go at answering their questions (eg "Why is the sky blue?")

Schools and early childhood services can encourage father involvement by:

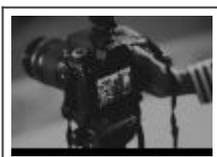
- including dads when making contact with families (eg initiating discussions with mothers and fathers, asking fathers specific questions about how their child is going, keeping in regular contact with fathers via text messaging and email)
- providing an environment that is friendly and welcoming to fathers (eg having photos of children and their dads, putting up posters of children interacting with male adults)
- creating opportunities for dads to spend time at the school or early childhood service and meet other dads (eg by organising specific father and child events such as a dads' breakfast or a Saturday playgroup)
- taking time to build trust and form relationships with fathers who are new to the service or school
- promoting and getting involved in community events that may be of interest to dads.

Our kids matter.

KidsMatter helps our school nurture happy, balanced kids.

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School Photos

School photos will be distributed to your child next week, so please keep watch for them in their school bag.

Prefect and specialist group photos can be viewed and ordered through Photo Hendricks gallery.

To access the gallery, follow the below procedure:

1. Go to www.photohendriks galleries.com
2. Click on the Safety Bay logo
3. Enter password : sbay41

Any orders placed from this gallery will be posted directly to the parent postal address provided.



School Reports & CONNECT

Online delivery of student reports

We are excited to be one of the 141 schools across WA who will be delivering student reports online to our parents.

This involves reports being sent to the parent emails that we have registered on our school database. Your child's reports from 2017 onwards are also stored on Connect and can be accessed for the duration of their public schooling. Please ensure that your email address registered with the school is current and active.

We are still able to provide a traditional hard copy of your child's report as well as the online version. If you would like a formal hard copy then please inform a staff member at the front office.

Connect

We hope that you have found the Connect program to be a valuable way of receiving communication from the school throughout the year. Many of our families have provided us great feedback about the ways Connect is enhancing their link with the school. I am also aware that username and password issues can be a little frustrating. If you are experiencing any issues with Connect then please phone, pop by, or email the front office safetybayps@education.wa.edu.au and let us know what the problem is. More often than not, it's a simple fix.



Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Program

Give your child the challenges they need to thrive.

Applications for Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs are now open. For children with exceptional academic ability and creative talent, these academic, arts and languages programs are designed to challenge them to achieve at the highest level.

If your child is going into Year 6 in 2018, applications are now open for entry into Year 7 in 2019.

Limited places may also be available for children going into Years 9, 10 and 11 in 2019.

Applications close Sunday 11th February 2018. For more information and to apply visit education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented



Vacswim 2017-18

Enrol your children now in VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays.

With swimming pools and beaches a part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring your children learn how to swim is a must for all families

Your children can join in the fun of learning to swim in lessons run at pools and open water venues across the State. VacSwim is for all children – from beginners through to advanced survival, rescue and resuscitation.

Your children can learn to swim for just:

- \$7.00 per child for a five day short program
- \$13.00 per child for all other programs.

It's even cheaper if you have three or more children:

- \$18.00 a family for a five day short program
- \$35.00 a family for all other programs.

To find out more about VacSwim and to enrol online please visit the [website](#).



Evelyn Robinson Award

The Evelyn Robinson Memorial award is held every year and is Safety Bay Primary's way of acknowledging a member of the community for outstanding contribution.

A student, parent or teacher can be nominated. Evelyn Robinson was our first school "secretary" and was involved with Safety Bay Primary School for over 20 years. Each year since 1993 we have acknowledged her contribution to our school with this award.

If you know of someone who you think deserves their contribution to the school acknowledged please collect a nomination form from the school office.

Nominations for this award close on Friday 1st December.



Lions Club Christmas Hamper

It's that time of the year when we start collecting packaged, tinned and jarred foods for people less fortunate than ourselves coming up to Christmas.



We will be presenting a hamper to the local Lions Club at our Graduation Assembly on Friday 8th December. So please bring packaged, tinned and jarred foods up to the office, if you wish to contribute.



Free Teen Parenting Seminars!

Three free seminars will be presented by school psychologists Brooke Ramsay and Sharon Jones and are suitable for all parents of teenagers or children in their last years of primary school.

Seminar 1: Raising responsible teenagers (7th November 6.30pm-8pm)

Parents are introduced to the to the six key elements of teenagers becoming responsible and specific ideas about how to teach and encourage skills such as - developing a healthy lifestyle, being respectful and considerate, getting involved in family activities, taking part in family decision making, being reliable and being assertive.

Seminar 2: Raising competent teenagers (14th November 6.30pm-8pm)

Parents are introduced to six aspects of teenagers becoming confident and successful in school and the community. Parents are given specific ideas to teach and encourage the following - developing self-discipline, establishing good routines, getting involved in school activities, being a good problem solver, following school rules and having supportive friends.

Seminar 3: Getting teenagers connected (21st November 6.30pm-8pm)

Parents are introduced to different aspects of teaching their teenagers to develop supportive friendships and become engaged in appropriate social and recreational groups and activities in the wider community. Parents are given specific ideas about teaching their teenagers the following skills - being confident, being socially skilled, planning ahead, meeting commitments, keeping in contact, and taking care of others.

Come to one, two or all three seminars, held at Safety Bay Senior High School.

Reserve your spot by 3rd November at <http://bit.ly/2iiaBJA>

Community News

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P&C News

THANK YOU THANK YOU TO COOGEE CHEMICALS for donating pallets to the P&C. The pallets were provided for Mud Kitchens to be built for our Kindys, PPs and Year 1s. ANOTHER HUGE THANK YOU to Skye and Rob Perkins for spending many of their weekends building and staining the Mud Kitchens. The mud kitchens have all been completed and delivered to the different areas.

TREASURER The P&C Treasurer has indicated her intention to resign from the P&C at the end of 2017. Accordingly the P&C must fill this key committee position in 2018. As you may be aware the P&C manages key activities in the school including the management of the Canteen and fundraising activities. It is therefore critical for the well-being of the school that the Treasurer position be filled for 2018. I would like to reinforce to all the parents of the school that if the Treasurer position is not filled then the P&C will fold resulting in the Canteen closure and the end to all fundraising. There are only two meetings left in 2017 so we would suggest that all parents interested in being on the P&C committee attend the next meeting on Thursday 1st November at 7.00pm. WACSSO TRAINING WACSSO (Western Australian Council of State School Organisations) is holding a training session in our conference room on Tuesday 21st November at 9.00am. This will be a great opportunity for parents to hear about all the different P&C committee positions and what the different positions

entail. **MEETING** Next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd November at 7.00pm in the staff-room. Everyone is invited to attend so please come along and see what the P&C is all about. **TERM 4 FUNDRAISER** On Friday 1st December the P&C is holding the end of year DISCO. More information regarding the Disco will be in the next newsletter. Thanks Jill Erikssen P&C President

Communication Please like our Facebook page to keep track with P&C news: Safety Bay Primary P&C Noticeboard or you can email us any questions, feedback or comments on sbpspandc@hotmail.com

P&C Meetings P&C meetings are held twice a term in weeks 4 and 8. Please refer to the term planner for meeting times.

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